GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2055
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2002
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO STATES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Rural Public Distribution System (RPDS), construction of godowns for facilitating storage and availability of good quality foodgrains were contemplated and the Government released Rs.58.73 crore during 1983-99 to State Governments for construction of 551 godowns;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have failed to construct the godowns despite the availability of funds to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; Statewise;

(d) whether Union Government have initiated any steps in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Some of the State Governments have failed to construct the godowns within the stipulated period of two years from the date of sanction of the financial assistance under the scheme. Statewise details of financial assistance sanctioned and the amount for which utilization certificates are pending may be seen in the Annex.

(d)&(e): State Governments/UTs are regularly reminded to furnish the pending utilisation certificates and refund the unutilised amount along with penal interest from the date of sanction of financial assistance. No fresh financial assistance is sanctioned in case any Utilisation Certificate or refund of unutilised amount is pending from the State Government/UT Administration.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b)&(c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2055 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEWISE DETAILS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS SANCTIONED FROM 1998 1998-99 FOR WHICH UTILISATION CERTIFICATE IS PENDING

S.No.	State/U.T.	Year of sanction	Amount (in Lakhs)	Remarks
1.	Arunanchal Pradesh	1992-93	4.00	
2.	Assam	1996-97	95.04	
3.	Assam	1997-98	168.66	
4.	Assam	1998-99	258.88	
5.	Bihar	1993-94	48.00	
6.	Bihar	1994-95	58.40	
7	Gujarat	1997-98	183.30	

8. Haryana 1998-99 165.29

9. Himachal Pradesh 1997-98 77.76
10. Jammu and Kashmir 1993-98 555.54
11. Karnataka 1992-93 132.00 Five godowns have been partially
constructed. The State Govt. has
confirmed that they shall refund
the unutilized amount of
Rs. 103.69 lakhs.
12. Maharashtra 1992-93 78.86
13. Maharashtra 1993-94 19.98
14. Maharashtra 1994-95 66.22
15. Maharashtra 1995-96 41.10
16. Meghalaya 1988-89 6.00
17. Meghalaya 1994-95 40.00
18. Nagaland 1996-97 60.00
19. Rajasthan 1998-99 79.47 Godowns constructed. Unutilised
amount to be refunded.
20. Tamil Nadu 1996-97 50.00
21. Uttar Pr/Uttaranchal 1996-97 162.00
22. Uttar Pr/Uttaranchal 1997-98 460.50
23. Uttar Pr/Uttaranchal 1998-99 111.92
24. Uttar Pradesh 1998-99 27.015 Godowns constructed. Unutilised
amount to be refunded.
25. West Bengal 1992-93 96.46
26. A&N Island 1991-92 46.00
27. Lakshadweep 1991-92 07.50